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“Our Family Caring For Yours”

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Richmond County Hospice, Hospice Haven & Anson Community Hospice



CAMP HAVEN ~ CHILDREN'S GRIEF CAMP

Meet Our Hospice Family

HOSPICE AIDES

Tammy Bull, NA II, CHPNA
Hospice Aide Coordinator
Teresa Graham, NA II
Esmeralda Rodriguez, NA I
Annalisa Thompson, NA I
Sybil Oxendine, NA I
Erica Armstrong, NA I
Regina Smith, NA I
Myrtle Paul, NA I
Autumn King, NA I
Carolyn Jones, NA I

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS

Audrey Martin, NA I
Kay Brewington, NA I
Bernice Thompson, NA I
Angela McDonald, NA I
Jaikyla Dumas, NA I
Geraldine Leak, NA I
Ellen Schaefer, NA II

HEMOCARE PRIMARY NURSES

Lisa Wood, RN, CHPN
Home Care Team Coordinator
Hayley Plyler, RN, BSN
Lori Jenkins, RN
Christine Strickler, RN
Miranda Watson, RN
Natalie Barbour, BSW, RN, BSN
Amanda Leviner, RN

INPATIENT NURSES

Karen Geiger, RN, MSN, CHPN
Teresa Balzer, RN, BSN, CHPN
Kathleen Camp, RN, CHPN
Barbara Potter, RN
Corinne Swink, RN
Shonda Crump, LPN
Teri McDonald, LPN

ON CALL NURSES

Cindy Robinson, RN
Tammy Owen, RN
Tammy Leviner, LPN
Fretia Flinchum, LPN

PRN NURSES

Bonnie Entwistle, RN, BSN
Patricia Wheeler, RN
Seth Dixon, RN

COMPLIANCE & OUTREACH

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Compliance Coordinator
Lisa Luckey
Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator
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Volunteer & Outreach Assistant

FAMILY SERVICES

Mary Martha Warnock, BSW
Social Worker
Shannon Huff, BA, Social Worker
Marla C. Barbee, BA, Social Worker
Sandy Black, BSW
Bereavement Coordinator
Nia Jones, BSW
Bereavement Social Worker
Breanna Bostick, MSW
Bereavement Clinical Social Worker
Stephanie Thornton, BA
Inpatient Care Coordinator/Social Worker
Paula Daigle, BA/CPE, Chaplain
Kenneth Lysterly, MDIV. Chaplain

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Julie Vercheck, MD
Van Slaughter, MD

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Jane Burnette, Billing/Account Specialist
Kelly Williams, Receptionist/Secretary
Nic Wilkes, Creativity Coordinator
Buddy Edwards, Maintenance Technician
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Vladimir Tushin, Housekeeping
Lynn Clewis, Stenographer

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All of our volunteers who are part of our Richmond County Hospice Family. Their gift of time and dedication makes our organization the best "Home Town Hospice" around!



Richmond County Hospice, Inc. presented its annual children's grief camp on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Children who have experienced loss and grief in kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome to apply to the camp. We welcomed 44 campers to our children's grief camp. The theme of this year's camp was centered around *The Princess and the Frog*, which takes place in New Orleans during their annual celebration, *Mardi Gras*.

The campers then had the opportunity to visit six different stations where they took part in movie-related activities and discussions. At every station, Princess Tiana joined the campers in conversation. She even made a visit at lunch and threw a Mardi Gras party. The campers learned the importance of preserving traditions and remembering our departed loved ones.

The staff of Richmond County Hospice would like to thank our volunteers and the staff of Sandhills Best Care who were involved in providing emotional support and guidance during the day of Camp Haven. Thanks to our devoted sponsor, Farm Bureau of Richmond County, Camp Haven is able to give kids the chance to make new friends and realize they are not alone in their grieving process.

For many years, including this year's camp, Pastor Crews and the Church of God of Prophecy members have prepared and served lunch to our campers. Breakfast biscuits were generously given by Biscuitville, another sponsor. We would also like to express our gratitude to Nic Wilkes for turning our workplace into the bayou and to James Mims for lending his photographic skills to capture the unique moments of Camp Haven. Camp Haven is able to offer the grieving youth of our community a meaningful experience because of the commitment and hard work of our staff as well as many others.









Cool Cars for a Cause 2024

Thank you so much to everyone who came out and/or donated to support our Cool Cars for a Cause car show Saturday, April 13, 2024! After having to postpone the event in March due to forecasted bad weather, thankfully, the weather was as close to perfect as it could possibly be on our rain date, with blue skies and sunshine!!

We appreciate Watson-King Funeral Homes and Richmond County Memorial Park Cemetery being our event sponsors again this year.

Thanks also goes out to the other monetary sponsors that helped to make this event a success- Grant's Express Tire & Auto, McNair Auto Sales, Outreach For Jesus Hamlet, Global Packaging, Quick and Sinclair Electric, Phil's Automotive Repairs, Witherspoon Heating and Air, Sport Cycles, and Patrick Tire.

In addition to those who made monetary donations we had many who donated items for door prizes, goodie bags, and our concession stand. We could not have had such a great event without each one of you either, so thank you so much! Those donating these items are- Advance Auto Parts of Rockingham, Auto Zone, Blacks Tire and Auto, Captain D's, Cascades, City of Rockingham, Richmond Community College- Cole Auditorium, Convenience Corner, Dairy Queen of Rockingham, E. E. Vuncannon, Inc., Farm Bureau, Godfather's Pizza, Hwy 55, James Mims Photography, Jason's Tire and Auto, Jenkins Automotive and Industrial Supply, Katie Mabe, Realtor- Everything Pines Partners, Kay's Variety Store, Loriann Poplin, Moss Brothers' Tire, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Smithfield's Chicken 'n Bar-B-Q, Stricker's Bowling Alley, and Walker Auto Parts (aka NAPA).

We had several vendors who came out to be a part of our event and we appreciate them coming out and enjoyed shopping with them. Those in

attendance were:

Byrd's Expression Tees/
Jamie Bennett,
Dawg Wagon,
Down to the Roots-
Vicki Melton,
Jill's This and That-
Jill Ward, and
Mini's On the Go.



Cool Cars for a Cause 2024 (Continued)

No car show would be possible without vehicles, and we had over 60 show up! So, a heartfelt "Thank you" to each one of you who came out, brought your vehicles, and spent a big part of your day with us! We hope you all had a great time and plan to come again next year! Unfortunately, there were not trophies for everyone, but we think you are all winners for coming out to support this fundraiser!

Those receiving trophies were:

Top 10 as voted on by the participants (in no particular order) were:

- 1966 Ford Fastback entered by Joe Martin
- 1967 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible entered by Harry Chavis
- 1955 Chevrolet Belair entered by Barry Strickland
- 1930 Ford Coupe entered by Roger Smith
- 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle entered by Jr. Harriss
- 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle entered by Tony Berry
- 1953 Ford Ranch Wagon entered by Pam and Jimmy Smith
- 1952 Dodge Truck entered by Stan Patrick
- 1954 Chevrolet Truck entered by Jerry Bass
- 1966 Ford Mustang entered by Lloyd Grant, Jr.

Show Classes and Additional Judges' Choice Awards:

- ☐ Best GM 1910-1993: 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle entered by Tony Berry
- ☐ Best GM 1994-2024: 2023 Chevrolet Corvette entered by Jerry Bass
- ☐ Best Ford 1910-1993: 1966 Ford Fastback entered by Joe Martin
- ☐ Best Ford 1994-2024: 2005 Ford Mustang V6 entered by Richard Barnhill
- ☐ Best Mopar 1910-1993: 1952 Dodge Truck entered by Stan Patrick
- ☐ Best Mopar 1994-2024: 2023 Dodge Challenger entered by Anthony McGarrah
- ☐ Best Truck 1910-1993: 1981 Chevrolet C-10 entered by Bobby Patterson
- ☐ Best Truck 1994-2024: 2017 Ford F-150 XTL entered by Mike Sanders
- ☐ Best Import 1910-1993: 1968 Volkswagen Rail Buggy entered by Brad McInnis
- ☐ Best Import 1994-2024: 2024 Nissan GTR entered by Matthew Deberry
- ☐ Best Non-Production 1910-1993: 1950 Studebaker 2R5 Pickup entered by Brian Terry
- ☐ Best Interior: 1967 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible entered by Harry Chavis
- ☐ Best Old School Muscle: 1964 Chevrolet Corvette entered by Jerry Bass
- ☐ Best Modern Muscle: 2007 Ford Mustang GT entered by Mark Mills
- ☐ Best Mini-Truck: 1996 Nissan Hardbody (D21) entered by James White
- ☐ Best Street Rod: 1923 Ford T-Bucket entered by Cole Herndon and Nehemiah Cassidy
- ☐ Best Rat Rod: 1951 GMC Rat Rod entered by Richard Barnhill

Cool Cars for a Cause 2024 (Continued)

- Best Resto Mod: 1955 Chevrolet Belair entered by Barry Strickland
- Director's Choice: 1969 Ford F-100 entered by William Lunceford
- Best in Show: 1954 Chevrolet Truck entered by Jerry Bass

Once again, THANK YOU to EVERYONE who had a part in our successful fundraiser; the sponsors, the donors, the vendors, the participants, those who came by to see the vehicles and support the vendors, and of course our amazing Richmond County Hospice team! Each one of you ROCK!!! We look forward to seeing you all again next year!











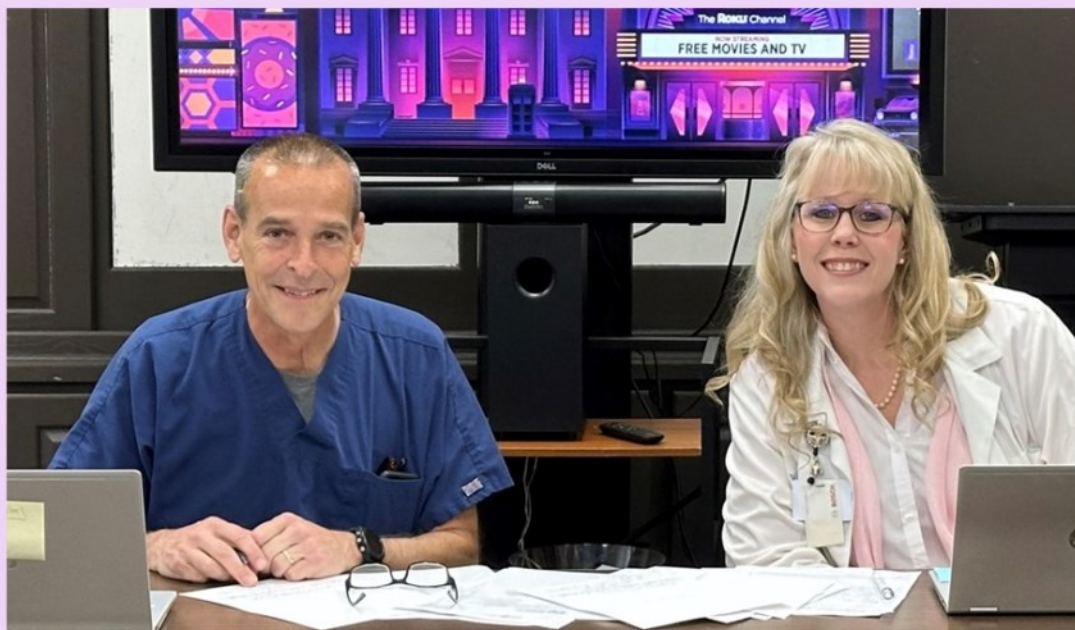


We Got Mail – Love Bug Mail
Thank you! Thank you!
 Thank you for your amazing support of our "Love Bug" mail!
 We had our mailbox up again in front of our Administrative Building for several weeks the first part of the year and once again you all out did yourselves!
 We were able to send Valentine cards out to our hospice patients, area nursing facility residents, and several of the local senior centers!
 We love being a part of a community that is so willing to give back!



March 30th each year is set aside to celebrate Doctors' Day! We are fortunate to have both Dr. Strobel and Susan, FNP-C and appreciate all that they do for our patients, their families, and our staff! We are also grateful for all of the many other physicians who help us care for our patients daily. We hope you all enjoyed your special day!

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Sheriff
James
Clemmons, Jr.
Distinguished
Leader
Award

Richmond County Hospice was honored to be the recipient of the Sheriff James Clemmons, Jr. Distinguished Leader Award at the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting and Awards ceremony on February 27th. Criteria for this award says it is to be presented to a "Member that demonstrates true integrity, compassion and courage while possessing a clear vision and helping others reach their goals. This individual is a leader in finding ways of doing business while also doing good for the community". What a privilege to be recognized for such great qualities and in the memory of such a respected person in our community who was always willing to help us in any way that he could. We thank everyone who had a part in selecting our agency to receive this award.

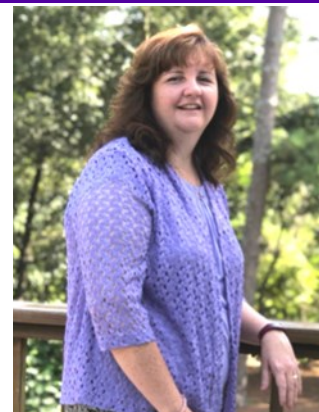


Kristina Leyden, MSW, LCSW
Chief Executive Officer



EMPOWERING SOCIAL WORKERS!

Inspiring Action, Leading Change



Jessica Mims, BSW, CHP-SW
Director of Family Services

We are honored to have a great team of Hospice Social Workers here at Richmond County Hospice, Inc. This specialized form of social work seeks to offer support to patients and families dealing with terminal illness. As a member of the interdisciplinary team, social workers offer skills such as:

- Active listening
- Emotional support
- Assistance with advance care planning
- Resource referral and linkage
- Reconciliation with family members
- Completion of Life in Review with patient
- Assistance with granting Wishing Well requests

These are only a few of the many tasks our social workers can perform. Enhancing the quality of life for each patient we serve is at the heart of what our social workers do each day. We are thankful for our top-notch team of Social Workers.



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